GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5070
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
ACQUISITION OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army had sent a proposal to purchase about 20,000 Bullet-Proof Jackets for soldiers fighting inJammu and Kashmir in 1999;

(b) whether there is squabble over purchase of Bullet- Proof Jackets among the officials of the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Army had sent a proposal to purchase 20,000 Bullet Proof Jackets for soldiers fighting in Jammu andKashmir in 3rd week of December, 1999. Finalization of the case has taken some time since Bullet Proof Jacket isa critical life saving item and due care has to be taken at every stage to ensure that only such jackets are procured which fully meet the Technical Specifications and Performance Parameters prescribed inthe General Staff Qualitative Requirement.Adequate number of BulletProof Jackets is however held with the troops fighting militants in Jammu and Kashmir and those deployed along the line of control.The procurement action is at an advanced stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply at (b) above.